

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

We Claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing a plurality of digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files for a price within a micro-price range ~~utilizing micro-pricing~~, comprising the steps of:

providing for receiving at a central computer first author information from a first client computer for establishing a first author account associated with and utilizing the first author information, the first author account having a first author account value, and the first author account having a first author identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the first client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a first digital ~~the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ file[[s]] from a ~~plurality of users~~ the first client computer, the first digital article file comprising a first digital article, wherein the first digital article file is associated with the first author identifier;

providing for receiving at the central computer a first digital article micro-price within the micro-price range from the first client computer for establishing a first price to charge buyers for the first digital article;

providing for storing the ~~electronic~~ first digital article ~~content~~ file[[s]] in a memory associated with the central computer, the ~~electronic~~ first digital article ~~content~~ file[[s]] being retrievable from the memory;

~~providing for calculating an electronic article content file rating for one of the plurality of electronic article content files;~~

providing for receiving at the central computer second author information from a second client computer for establishing a second author account associated with and utilizing the second author information, the second author account having a second author account value, and the second author account having a second author identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the second client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a second digital article file from the second client computer, the second digital article file comprising a second digital article, wherein the second digital article file is associated with the second author identifier;

providing for receiving at the central computer a second digital article micro-price within the micro-price range from the second client computer for establishing a second price to charge buyers for the second digital article;

providing for storing the second digital article file in a memory associated with the central computer, the second digital article file being retrievable from the memory;

providing for receiving at the central computer first buyer information from a third client computer for establishing a first buyer account associated with and utilizing the first buyer information, the first buyer account having a first buyer account value, and the first buyer account having a first buyer identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the third client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a first buyer payment for increasing the first buyer account value from the third client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a request for the purchase of [[one of]] the ~~electronic~~ first digital article ~~content~~ file[[s]] from the third client computer ~~one of a plurality of~~ users;

providing for debiting the first buyer account by decreasing the first buyer account value an amount relating to the first digital article micro-price; ~~funding from an electronic funding account associated with the one of the plurality of users; and,~~

providing for crediting the first author account by increasing the first author account value an amount relating to the first digital article micro-price;

providing for transmitting the first digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ file to the ~~one of the plurality of users,~~ third client computer in response to the request for the purchase of the first digital;

providing for receiving at the central computer second buyer information from a fourth client computer for establishing a second buyer account associated with and utilizing the second buyer information, the second buyer account having a second buyer account value, and the

second buyer account having a second buyer identifier for at least logging into the central computer from the fourth client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a second buyer payment for increasing the second buyer account value from the fourth client computer;

providing for receiving at the central computer a request for the purchase of the second digital article from the fourth client computer;

providing for debiting the second buyer account by decreasing the second buyer account value an amount relating to the second digital article micro-price;

providing for crediting the second author account by increasing the second author account value an amount relating to the second digital article micro-price; and,

providing for transmitting the second digital article file to the fourth client computer in response to the request for the purchase of the second digital article.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the memory comprises an index of the digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files stored in the memory.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, further comprising the step of:
providing for searching the index to locate one of the digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files based on at least one of type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, date, and/or rating.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:
providing for receiving a revised version of one of the digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files from one of the plurality of users.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the steps of providing for receiving the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files ~~from the plurality of users~~ comprises the step of:
providing for receiving a summary of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files from first and second authors of the first and second digital articles,
respectively one of the plurality of users.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:
providing for generating a summary of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~
article ~~content~~ files.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:
providing for classifying each of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article
~~content~~ files received from first and second authors, respectively, ~~the plurality of users~~ based on
at least one of type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the step of classifying
comprises:

providing for determining the type of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~
article ~~content~~ files.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, further comprising the step of:
providing for transmitting summaries of the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article
~~content~~ files to first and second users, respectively ~~one of the plurality of users~~, the summaries
sorted by at least one of type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or
rating.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, further comprising the step of:
providing for establishing the price of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~
article ~~content~~ files.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13[[4]], further comprising the step
of:

providing for allowing the price of the first and second digital ~~limiting the submitter of~~
~~the electronic-article content~~ files to only be set within a predefined micro-price range by an
author and/or submitter.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13[[0]], wherein the step of providing
for establishing the price of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files
comprises the step of:

providing for determining the price based on at least length, date, author, subject matter,
and/or type.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of: providing for preventing the purchase of the first and second digital ~~one of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files by the first and/or second buyers ~~one of the plurality of users~~ if the first and/or second buyers, respectively, ~~one of the plurality of users~~ does not have an established electronic funding account.

18. (Currently Amended) The method Claim 1, wherein the step of providing for transmitting the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files to the first and second buyers, respectively, ~~one of the plurality of users~~ each comprises providing for at least displaying the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files on a Web site, electronically mailing the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files, and/or providing the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files for download.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of: providing for notifying the first and second authors of the first and second digital ~~submitter of the electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files, resepectively, that the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files, respectively, have[[s]] been purchased.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, wherein the step of providing for notifying ~~the submitter of the electronic article content file that the electronic article content file has been purchased~~ comprises providing for at least displaying purchase information on a Web site and/or electronically mailing purchase information to the first and second buyers[[user]].

21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second digital ~~electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files has at least one of a type, a subject matter, an author name, a submitter name, a title, and/or a date, further comprising the step of:

providing for ranking the first and second digital ~~plurality of electronic~~ article ~~content~~ files according to [[for]] at least one of type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, and/or date.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of ~~wherein the step of~~ providing for calculating a first [[the]] rating for the first digital article file [[is]] based on the number of times the first digital article file ~~one of the plurality of electronic article content files~~ has been purchased; and,

providing for calculating a second rating for the second digital article file based on the number of times the second digital article file has been purchased.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 22[[1]], wherein the steps of providing for calculating the first and second ratings are each [[is]] based on buyer ~~at least one~~ user ratings received from ~~at least one of the~~ a plurality of buyers[[users]].

24. (Withdrawn) A system for distributing a plurality of electronic article content files utilizing micro-pricing, comprising:

- a processor for executing an application; and,
- a memory in communication with the processor;
- wherein the application comprises:
 - a first code segment for receiving the electronic article content files from a plurality of users;
 - a second code segment for storing the electronic article content files in the memory, the electronic article content files being retrievable from the memory;
 - a third code segment for calculating an electronic article content file rating for one of the plurality of electronic article content files;
 - a fourth code segment for receiving a request for the purchase of one of the electronic article content files from one of a plurality of users;
 - a fifth code segment for debiting funding from an electronic funding account associated with one of the plurality of users; and,
 - a sixth code segment for transmitting the electronic article content file to the one of the plurality of users.

25. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:

- a seventh code segment for establishing the electronic funding account associated with the one of the plurality of users.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:

- a seventh code segment for crediting the electronic funding account associated with the one of the plurality of users.

27. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:

a seventh code segment for establishing a user account for one of the plurality of users.

28. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the memory comprises an index of the electronic article content files stored in the memory.

29. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 28, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for searching the index to locate a electronic article content file based on at least type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, date, and/or rating.

30. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for receiving a revised version of a electronic article content file from one of the plurality of users.

31. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the first code segment further comprises:
a seventh code segment for receiving a summary of the electronic article content file from one of the plurality of users.

32. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for generating a summary of one of the electronic article content files from the one of the electronic article content files.

33. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for classifying one of the electronic article content files received from the plurality of users based on at least type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

34. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 33, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment for determining the type of the one of the electronic article content files.

35. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 33, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment for transmitting summaries of the electronic article content files to one of the plurality of users, the summaries sorted by at least type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

36. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 33, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment for establishing the price of one of the electronic article content files.

37. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 36, wherein the application further comprises:
a ninth code segment for receiving the price of the electronic article content file from the submitter of the electronic article content file.

38. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 37, wherein the application further comprises:
a tenth code segment for limiting the submitter of the electronic article content file to a predefined micro-price range.

39. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 36, wherein the price of the electronic article content file is determined based on at least length, date, author, subject matter, and/or type.

40. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for preventing the purchase of one of the electronic article content files by one of the plurality of users if the one of the plurality of users does not have an established electronic funding account.

41. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for at least displaying the electronic article content file on a Web site, electronically mailing the electronic article content file, and/or providing the electronic article content file for download.

42. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for notifying the submitter of the electronic article content file that the electronic article content file has been purchased.

43. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 42, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment for at least displaying purchase information on a Web site and/or electronically mailing purchase information to the first user.

44. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein each of the electronic article content files has at least a type, a subject matter, an author name, a submitter name, a title, and/or a date, wherein the application further comprises:

a seventh code segment for ranking the plurality of electronic article content files for at least type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, and/or date.

45. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment providing for calculating the rating based on the number of times the one of the plurality of electronic article content files has been purchased.

46. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 24, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment providing for calculating the rating based on at least one user
rating received from at least one of the plurality of users.

47. (Withdrawn) A method for distributing a plurality of electronic article content
files, wherein each electronic article content file has at least type, subject matter, author name,
submitter name, title, and/or date, comprising the steps of:

providing for receiving the electronic article content files from a plurality of users;

providing for storing the electronic article content files in a memory, the electronic article
content files being retrievable from the memory;

providing for calculating an electronic article content file rating for one of the plurality of
electronic article content files;

providing for ranking the plurality of electronic article content files for at least type,
subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, and/or date;

providing for receiving a request for the purchase of a electronic article content file from
one of a plurality of users; and,

providing for transmitting the electronic article content file to the one of the plurality of
users.

48. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, wherein the step of providing for
calculating the rating is based on the number of times the one of the plurality of electronic article
content files has been purchased.

49. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, wherein the step of providing for
calculating the rating is based on at least one user rating received from at least one of the
plurality of users.

50. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:
providing for establishing an electronic funding account associated with one of the
plurality of users.

51. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:
providing for debiting funding from an electronic funding account associated with the
one of the plurality of users.

52. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:

providing for crediting an electronic funding account associated with one of the plurality of users.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:
providing for establishing a user account for one of the plurality of users.

54. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, wherein the memory comprises an index of the electronic article content files stored in the memory.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 54, further comprising the step of:
providing for searching the index to locate a electronic article content file based on at least type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, date, and/or rating.

56. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:
providing for receiving a revised version of a electronic article content file from one of the plurality of users.

57. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, wherein the step of receiving the electronic article content files from the plurality of users comprises the step of:
providing for receiving a summary of the electronic article content file from one of the plurality of users.

58. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:
providing for generating a summary of one of the electronic article content files from the one of the electronic article content files.

59. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:
providing for classifying one of the electronic article content files received from the plurality of users based on at least type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

60. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 59, wherein the step of classifying comprises:
providing for determining the type of the one of the electronic article content files.

61. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 59, further comprising the step of:
providing for transmitting summaries of the electronic article content files to one of the plurality of users, the summaries sorted by at least type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

62. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 59, further comprising the step of:

providing for establishing the price of one of the electronic article content files.

63. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 62, wherein the step of providing for establishing the price of one of the electronic article content files comprises the step of:

providing for receiving the price of the electronic article content file from the submitter of the electronic article content file.

64. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 63, further comprising the step of:

providing for limiting the submitter of the electronic article content file to a predefined micro-price range.

65. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 59, wherein the step of providing for establishing the price of one of the electronic article content files comprises the step of:

providing for determining the price based on at least length, date, author, subject matter, and/or type.

66. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:

providing for preventing the purchase of one of the electronic article content files by one of the plurality of users if the one of the plurality of users does not have an established electronic funding account.

67. (Withdrawn) The method Claim 47, wherein the step of providing for transmitting the electronic article content file to the one of the plurality of users comprises providing for at least displaying the electronic article content file on a Web site, electronically mailing the electronic article content file, and/or providing the electronic article content file for download.

68. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:

providing for generating a Web page for one of the plurality of users based on the ranking of the plurality of electronic article content files.

69. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 47, further comprising the step of:

providing for notifying the submitter of the electronic article content file that the electronic article content file has been purchased.

70. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 69, wherein the step of providing for notifying the submitter of the electronic article content file that the electronic article content file has been purchased comprises providing for at least displaying purchase information on a Web site and/or electronically mailing purchase information to the first user.

71. (Withdrawn) A system for distributing a plurality of electronic article content files, wherein each electronic article content file has at least type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, and/or date, comprising:

a processor executing an application; and,

a memory in communication with the processor;

wherein the application comprises:

a first code segment for receiving the electronic article content files from a plurality of users;

a second code segment for storing the electronic article content files in a memory, the electronic article content files being retrievable from the memory;

a third code segment for calculating an electronic article content file rating for one of the plurality of electronic article content files;

a fourth code system for ranking the plurality of electronic article content files for at least type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, and/or date;

a fifth code segment for receiving a request for the purchase of a electronic article content file-from one of a plurality of users; and,

a sixth code segment for transmitting the electronic article content file to the one of the plurality of users.

72. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:

a seventh code segment for calculating the rating based on the number of times the one of the plurality of electronic article content files has been purchased.

73. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:

a seventh code segment for calculating the rating is based on at least one user rating received from at least one of the plurality of users.

74. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:

a seventh code segment for establishing an electronic funding account associated with one of the plurality of users.

75. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:

a seventh code segment for debiting funding from an electronic funding account associated with the one of the plurality of users.

76. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for crediting an electronic funding account associated with one of
the plurality of users.

77. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for establishing a user account for one of the plurality of users.

78. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the memory comprises an index of
the electronic article content files stored in the memory.

79. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 78, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for searching the index to locate a electronic article content file
based on at least type, subject matter, author name, submitter name, title, date, and/or rating.

80. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for receiving a revised version of a electronic article content file
from one of the plurality of users.

81. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for receiving a summary of the electronic article content file from
one of the plurality of users.

82. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for generating a summary of one of the electronic article content
files from the one of the electronic article content files.

83. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises:
a seventh code segment for classifying one of the electronic article content files received
from the plurality of users based on at least type, subject matter, submitter name, title, author
name, date, and/or rating.

84. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 83, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment for determining the type of the one of the electronic article
content files.

85. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 83, wherein the application further comprises:
an eighth code segment for transmitting summaries of the electronic article content files
to one of the plurality of users, the summaries sorted by at least type, subject matter, submitter
name, title, author name, date, and/or rating.

86. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 83, wherein the application further comprises: an eighth code segment for establishing the price of one of the electronic article content files.

87. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 86, wherein the application further comprises: a ninth code segment for receiving the price of the electronic article content file from the submitter of the electronic article content file.

88. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 87, wherein the application further comprises: a tenth code segment for limiting the submitter of the electronic article content file to a predefined micro-price range.

89. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 83, wherein the application further comprises: an eighth code segment for determining the price based on at least length, date, author, subject matter, and/or type.

90. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises: a seventh code segment for preventing the purchase of one of the electronic article content files by one of the plurality of users if the one of the plurality of users does not have an established electronic funding account.

91. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises: a seventh code segment for at least displaying the electronic article content file on a Web site, electronically mailing the electronic article content file, and/or providing the electronic article content file for download.

92. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises: a seventh code segment for notifying the submitter of the electronic article content file that the electronic article content file has been purchased.

93. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 92, wherein the application further comprises: an eighth code segment for at least displaying purchase information on a Web site and/or electronically mailing purchase information to the first user.

94. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 71, wherein the application further comprises: a seventh code segment for generating a web page for one of the plurality of users based on the ranking of the plurality of electronic article content files.

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